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1. CONFIDENTIAL: CLASSIFIED BY RONALD D. GODARD,  
CHARGE'. REASON: 1.5(B).

2. (C) SUMMARY: INVESTIGATING JUDGE JUAN JOSE  
GALEANO SENT FORWARD CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS ON JULY 31  
AGAINST FOUR PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES POLICE  
OFFICIALS, MAKING THEM, LIKE ALREADY ACCUSED AND  
INCARCERATED CARLOS ALBERTO TELLELDIN, DEFENDANTS IN  
THE JULY 1994 BOMBING OF THE ARGENTINE JEWISH MUTUAL  
ASSOCIATION (AMIA). THE CHARGES THE OFFICERS FACE ARE  
AS "NECESSARY PARTICIPANTS" IN THE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE  
THAT ALLOWED THE BOMBING TO BE CARRIED OUT; GALEANO  
STILL CANNOT PROVE THAT THEY KNOWINGLY DELIVERED THE  
STOLEN VAN USED IN THE ATTACK TO THE TERRORIST(S) WHO  
ARMED THE CAR WITH EXPLOSIVES AND ACTUALLY DROVE THE  
MASSIVE BOMB INTO THE FRONT OF THE AMIA CENTER.

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END SUMMARY.

3. (SBU) ON JULY 31, ONE FORMER AND THREE CURRENT  
POLICE OFFICERS FROM BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE WERE  
FORMALLY CHARGED IN THE AMIA ATTACK. THESE ARE THE  
FIRST SUCH INDICTMENTS SINCE CARLOS ALBERTO TELLELDIN  
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WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE  
BOMBING THAT LEFT SOME 86 DEAD AND HUNDREDS INJURED.  
FEDERAL JUDGE JUAN JOSE GALEANO, WHO HAS BEEN IN  
CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION SINCE THE EXPLOSION ON  
JULY 18, 1994, ANNOUNCED THE INDICTMENTS MORE THAN A  
WEEK AFTER HAVING DETAINED 18 PROVINCIAL POLICE FOR  
INTERROGATION (REF B). THE NEWLY INDICTED INDIVIDUALS  
INCLUDE THREE FAIRLY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHOM  
WAS REGARDED AS A KEY LIEUTENANT TO PROVINCIAL POLICE  
CHIEF PEDRO KLODZCYK. KLODZCYK HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED

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THAT HE WILL LEAVE HIS POSITION IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER  
DUE TO THE NUMEROUS RECENT REVELATIONS OF MISCONDUCT  
BY HIS TROOPS.

4. (SBU) ALTHOUGH A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN  
SOLVING THE CASE -- JUDGE GALEANO BELIEVES HE IS 70  
PERCENT THERE -- THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST THE  
OFFICERS ARE LESS SEVERE THAN SOME LEADERS OF THE  
LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY HAD HOPED. ESSENTIALLY, THE  
FOUR OFFICERS ARE CHARGED WITH BEING 'NECESSARY  
PARTICIPANTS' IN THE BOMBING, MEANING THAT THE ATTACK  
COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THEIR HAVING  
PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THEY  
ACTED AS INTERMEDIARIES IN PROCURING THE VAN USED IN  
THE BOMBING. GALEANO SAYS HE CAN PROVE THAT THE  
OFFICERS IN QUESTION HAD POSSESSION OF THE STOLEN VAN  
AFTER REPEAT AFTER CARLOS TELLELDIN MODIFIED ITS  
IDENTIFICATION AND CARGO CAPACITY AND BEFORE IT WAS  
SEEN PARKED IN A PUBLIC GARAGE, JUST DAYS BEFORE THE  
BLAST. THE JUDGE CANNOT PROVE, HOWEVER, THAT THEY  
KNEW WHAT THE VAN WAS TO BE USED FOR WHEN THEY

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DELIVERED IT TO ITS ULTIMATE RECIPIENT(S), WHO ARE  
STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

5. (C) REACTION TO THE INDICTMENTS HAS BEEN FAIRLY  
MUTED, SINCE, FOR DAYS BEFORE, PROSECUTORS HAD LET IT  
BE KNOWN THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROCEED.

[REDACTED]

PRAISED THE CURRENT PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION, BUT  
HE LAMENTED WHAT WAS STILL PERCEIVED BY MANY TO BE THE  
LACK OF POLITICAL WILL TO PURSUE WHATEVER LINKS MIGHT  
TURN UP TO POLITICALLY WELL-CONNECTED INDIVIDUALS WHO  
MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN THE BOMBING. [REDACTED] MENTIONED  
THAT THE PENDING TRIAL IN SWITZERLAND OF ARMS MERCHANT  
MONZER AL KASSAR FOR ILLEGALLY SHIPPING EXPLOSIVES TO  
ARGENTINA MIGHT EVENTUALLY REVEAL MORE INFORMATION ON  
THESE POLITICAL CONNECTIONS. AL KASSAR ATTEMPTED  
UNSUCCESSFULLY IN 1992 TO GET EXPEDITED ARGENTINE

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CITIZENSHIP ALLEGEDLY BY USING POLITICAL INFLUENCE  
WITH FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT CARLOS MENEM TO GET A JUDGE  
TO IGNORE HIS LACK OF SUFFICIENT PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN  
THE COUNTRY (REF C).

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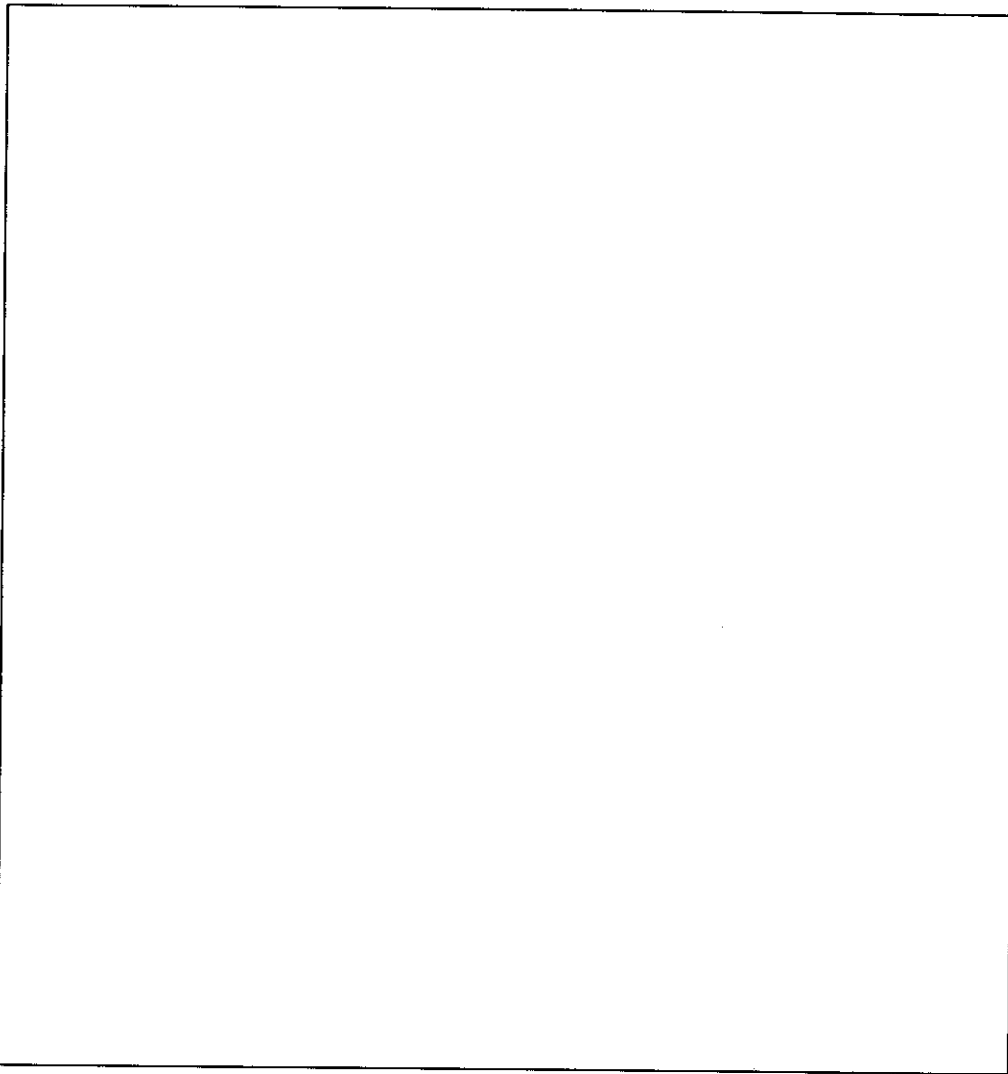
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